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Term of the board of the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns

Note by the Secretary-General

Summary

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 67/203 of 21 December 2012, on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, the present note contains a proposal on the duration of the subsequent terms of the board of the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns.

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I. Background

1. The 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 66/288 of 27 July 2012, on the outcome document of the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled "The future we want" (resolution 66/288, annex). In accordance with resolution 67/203 of 21 December 2012, on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, the Assembly designated the United Nations Environment Programme to serve as the secretariat of the framework.

2. In follow-up to paragraph 226 of the outcome document "The future we want" and by its resolution 67/203, the General Assembly decided to establish a 10-member board consisting of two members from each United Nations regional group. Furthermore, the Assembly decided to nominate, no later than 31 January 2013, the members of the board for an initial two-year term, and requested the secretariat of the 10-year framework to elaborate a proposal on the duration of the subsequent terms, to be considered by General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session.

3. Subsequently, the General Assembly adopted decision 67/564 of 16 September 2013, in which it took note of the establishment of the board of the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns and decided that the members of the board shall serve for an initial term of two years effective from the date of 16 September 2013. Additionally, the Assembly decided that regional groups shall be authorized to nominate new members of the board after the completion of the board's initial two-year term, or in the event of the resignation of a member of the board, and for subsequent terms, upon notification of the President of the General Assembly and the board by the relevant regional group.

II. Term proposal for the board of the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns

4. Consequently, the Secretary-General conveys the following recommendation of the secretariat of the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns, regarding future terms of its board.

5. Pursuant to the aforementioned resolutions, the members of the board may serve for a period of two years, and the effective date for the start of the period is 16 September of every second year.

6. In accordance with resolution 67/203, regarding the nomination of two members from each United Nations regional group, terms of membership may continue to be for two years. United Nations regional groups may wish to renominate one of their existing two members of the board, in which case they should be able to do so for one further consecutive term, taking into account the importance of ensuring continuity in the work of the board. No Member State may be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms.

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Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit

Letter dated 9 September 2014 from the Permanent Representatives of Egypt, Liechtenstein, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, the Republic of Korea and Switzerland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

At a time when your services are preparing for the post-2015 intergovernmental negotiation process, we are writing to you to highlight the importance of an efficient review mechanism for the post-2015 development agenda.

The experience gained from the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals has shown that the implementation of a transformative agenda will require a robust, inclusive and transparent review mechanism. We firmly believe that an efficient review mechanism will contribute to the achievement of the sustainable development goals.

The outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled "The future we want" (General Assembly resolution 66/288, annex) also underlines the importance of following up on and reviewing progress in the implementation of sustainable development commitments. It is our strong view that a review mechanism must be an integral part of the design of the post-2015 development agenda and its implementation framework. Therefore, the discussion on developing a review mechanism goes hand in hand with the design and the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda.

We consider the high-level political forum on sustainable development, in accordance with the modalities outlined in General Assembly resolution 67/290, the key forum for such a review mechanism.

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In our opinion, such a mechanism should aim at advancing the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development and foster coherence and progress in implementation.

We look forward to a reference to the review mechanism for the post-2015 development agenda in your synthesis report.

We will provide you with details on how we would envisage the main features of such a review mechanism and look forward to continuing this important dialogue.

The above-mentioned seven States would appreciate if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly under items 13, 19 and 116 of the provisional agenda.

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